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### ***Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council to Celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October***

**Phoenix, Arizona — September 28, 2012** — The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) today announced its participation in National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), an annual awareness campaign that takes place in October of each year. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the public about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

Reflecting this year's theme, "A Strong Workforce is an Inclusive Workforce: What Can YOU Do?" ADDPC and its partners will engage in a variety of month-long activities to educate the community on disability employment issues and the role they play in fostering a disability-friendly work culture. These efforts include posting an NDEAM web link [www.azdes.gov/ADDPC](http://www.azdes.gov/ADDPC), distributing posters to agencies and businesses, featuring an employment video on its website and *You Tube*, partnering with 9 agencies and organizations to host *DREAM 2012 Job Fair* on October 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Gateway Community College, and promoting employment and resource information for individuals with developmental disabilities through its partnership network.

"ADDPC is proud to be a part of this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month," said Larry Clausen, Executive Director. "We want to spread the important message throughout Arizona that a strong workforce is one inclusive of the skills and talents of all individuals, including individuals with disabilities."

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council seeks to develop and support capacity building and systemic change that increases inclusion and involvement of persons with developmental disabilities in their communities through the promotion of self-determination, independence and dignity in all aspects of life. For more information please call 602-542-8970.

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